

March 6, 2003 Meeting Minutes

TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE #3.1.1
Thursday, April 3, 2003

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
-TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE-**

March 6, 2003

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES SUMMARIZE ACTIONS THE TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TOOK AT THE MARCH 6, 2003 MEETING. AUDIOCASSETTE TAPES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG OFFICES.

The Southern California Association of Governments Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) met at SCAG offices in Downtown Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

Voting Members Present

Councilmember Ron Roberts, Chair
Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia, Vice Chair
Councilmember Harry Baldwin
Councilmember George Bass
Councilmember Hal Bernson
Supervisor Paul Biane
Councilmember Lou Bone
Councilmember Art Brown
Supervisor Yvonne Burke
Mayor Lawrence Dale
Vice Mayor Gene Daniels
Councilmember Joy Defenbaugh
Councilmember Judy Dunlap
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger
Councilmember Ruth Galanter
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs
Mayor Pro Tem Tim Keenan
Councilmember Al Leiga
Vice Mayor Robin Lowe
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Miller
Mayor Gary Ovitt
Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis
Councilmember Will Pieper
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo
Councilmember Jeffrey Reinhardt
Mayor Tod W. Ridgeway
Councilmember Karen Rosenthal
Supervisor Charles V. Smith
Mayor pro Tem David A. Spence

Councilmember Dick Stanford
Mayor Pro Tem Tom Sykes
Councilmember Paul Talbot
Councilmember Sidney F. Tyler, Jr.

Representing

City of Temecula
City of Grand Terrace
City of San Gabriel
City of Bell
City of Los Angeles
County of San Bernardino
City of Tustin
City of Buena Park
County of Los Angeles
City of Barstow
City of Paramount
Riverside, WRCOG
City of Inglewood
City of Moreno Valley, WRCOG
City of Los Angeles
City of El Segundo
City of Cypress, Orange County COG
City of Claremont, San Gabriel Valley COG
City of Hemet, RCTC
City of Corona
City of Ontario
City of Cathedral City, CVAG
Desert Hot Springs, CVAG
City of Pico Rivera
Las Virgenes Malibu Subregion
City of Newport Beach
City of Claremont
County of Orange County
City of La Canada Flintridge,
Arroyo Verdugo Cities
City of Azusa
City of Walnut
City of Alhambra
City of Pasadena

Voting Members Absent

Mayor Bruce Barrows
 Councilmember Ron Bates
 Mayor George Cole
 Mayor Bill Davis
 Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung
 Mayor Richard Dixon
 Councilmember John R. Fasana
 Councilmember Eric Garcetti
 Councilmember Gary J. George
 Mayor Larry Grogan
 Mayor Pro Tem Peter Herzog
 Councilmember Nate Holden
 Councilmember Robert Hunter
 Councilmember Lowenthal
 Mayor Pro Tem Patsy Marshall
 Councilmember Keith McCarthy
 Supervisor Judy Mikels
 Mayor Mark Nuaimi
 Councilmember Pam O'Connor
 Councilmember Nick Pacheco
 Mayor Pro Tem Cameron Smyth
 Councilmember Tonia Reyes Uranga
 Councilmember Linda Wilson
 Council Member Dennis Zine

Representing

City of Cerritos
 City of Los Alamitos
 City of Bell, Gateway Cities COG
 City of Simi Valley, VCTC
 City of Laguna Niguel
 City of Lake Forest
 City of Duarte, SGVCOG
 City of Los Angeles
 City of Redlands, SANBAG
 City of El Centro, IVAG
 City of Lake Forest, Orange County COG
 City of Los Angeles
 City of Victorville
 City of Long Beach
 City of Buena Park, Orange County COG
 City of Downey
 County of Ventura
 City of Fontana, SANBAG CTC
 City of Santa Monica
 City of Los Angeles
 City Santa Clarita, North LA County
 City of Long Beach
 City of Manhattan Beach, South Bay Cities COG
 City of Los Angeles

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Present

Rose Casey

Representing

Caltrans, Los Angeles

Voting Members, Not Elected Officials Absent

Board Member
 Rotating Board Member

Representing

California, DOT
 Air Resources Board

Transportation Commissions – Vacant

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ron Roberts called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Public Comment was made by Ahmad Ansari, Assistant City Engineer of the City of Pomona, regarding MTA's STIP amendment for prioritizing 10 roadway projects and shifting the STIP money to rail projects. He expressed the city's concern with the SR-71 Mission blvd. interchange project. He asked for support of the city's request that the CTC amend the LACMTA STIP amendment request to retain funding for the SR-71 Mission Blvd. interchange project.

Written comments were submitted for the record.

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

The following consent calendar items were MOVED (Bass), SECONDED (Smith) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED:

3.1 Approval Item

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3.2 Receive and File

3.2.1 Intergovernmental Review Report

3.2.2 High-Speed Ground Transportation Association (HSGTA)
Annual Conference

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 SCAG's Comments on Draft California Transportation Plan

Bob Huddy, Sr. Regional Planner, reported on SCAG's comments on the draft California Transportation Plan, and asked the members for comments and direction.

Several members expressed concern with staff's draft comment letter to Caltrans. Staff was asked to make changes, based on the committee's remarks, and provide more detail and bring back a revised letter for approval next month.

It was MOVED (Stanford), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to bring back a revised comment letter at the next meeting.

4.2 2004 RTP Performance Measures Update

Naresh Amatya, SCAG, introduced Tarek Hatata, System Metrics, the principle consultant for the technical process of the RTP.

Tarek Hatata presented the RTP technical Advisory Committee (TAC) recommendations on the performance measures for the 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). He gave an overview of:

- the 2004 RTP goals
- criteria for evaluating performance indicators
- mobility: TAC recommends speed and delay indicators
- accessibility indicators: TAC recommends percent of work trips completed within 45 minutes in the pm peak period
- environmental justice and geographical equity: TAC recommends using 2001 RTP indicators
- safety: TAC recommends using the 2001 RTP safety indicators
- reliability (new indicator): TAC recommends using variability of travel time as the indicator
- emissions: TAC recommends using the 2001 RTP indicators.

Two additional indicators will be presented to the committee at a later date.

Transit is included in the measurement of reliability; on-time performance and delay. Councilmember Brown asked what standard vehicle operating cost would be used. Mr. Hatata said he would supply research material as handout at a later date.

It was MOVED (Ridgeway), SECONDED (Brown) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the recommended performance measures for use in the 2004 RTP.

4.3 Draft 2004 Financial Forecast

Ms. Annie Nam, SCAG, provided an overview of the working draft baseline financial plan for the 2004 RTP. She went over the significant assumption updates since the adoption of the 2001 RTP. The more recent adjustments to the revenue forecast include: the addition of Riverside County's sales tax extension revenues, gas tax subvention, and Proposition 42 revenues. The forecast is represented in a range of high, medium, and low. The medium forecast is most comparable to the 2001 RTP assumptions. The revenue range is as follows: \$143.02 billion (high), \$121.89 billion (medium), and \$119.08 billion (low). The high range assumes no revenue impacts to the forecast from air quality policies and no impacts from the gradual transition to an aging society. The medium range assumes impacts to revenues from the introduction of alternative fuels and greater fuel efficiency. The low range assumes impacts to revenues from alternative fuels, fuel efficiency and the gradual transition to an aging society. The different county baselines were shown against the regional total. Also on-going issues were pointed out: the checkbook does not include new RTP projects, the potential additional loss of \$8.8 billion from budgetary crisis, and continued refinement of the regional checkbook.

It was reiterated that the current forecast does not include any new RTP projects. Also, the forecast does not include any long-term impacts based upon the Governor's recent proposal. Any new projects beyond those committed in the short-term would be added to the cost forecast as alternatives for the Plan.

This is a working draft, and continued work on refining the forecast will entail further consultation with local county transportation commissions.

It was MOVED (Bass), SECONDED (Lowe) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve the Working Draft Baseline financial forecast for the 2004 RTP.

5.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

5.1 Status Report on Community and Environmental Transportation Acceptability Process (CETAP) in Riverside County

Mr. John Standiford, Dir. of Public Information, RCTC, gave a update of the CETAP process and an overview of the CETAP Corridors.

The CETAP process has identified the need for four priority transportation corridors in Riverside with the following goals for these CETAP Corridors:

- To provide multimodal transportation improvements to alleviate future traffic demands and congestion, and improve the movement of people and goods.
- Preserve right-of-way for future facilities.

5.2 PILUT Process Update

Mr. Philip Law, Regional Planner, gave an update of the PILUT process, clarifying the process and purpose. The process will start with five initial growth scenarios, which will be developed into five initial RTP/EIR Alternatives. The Alternatives will go through a financial, environmental, and legal feasibility screening process and will be evaluated using transportation, land use, environmental, and economic criteria. Selection of a preferred 2004 RTP Alternative is the final step.

5.3 Gateway to the East (SR-60 Corridor) Study

Mr. Mark Griffin, Sr. Regional Planner, reported on the Eastern Gateway Freeway Corridor Improvement Study. This study will evaluate transportation system performance for all modes for each freeway alignment in the overall study area, leading to the identification of an optimal routing or corridor configuration that is most significant in terms of goods movement activities and future capacity potential.

5.5 Goods Movement Advisory Committee (GMAC) Report

Councilmember Brown, GMAC Chair, reported on the GMAC meeting held February 19, 2003.

5.4 Maglev Task Force Report

Mr. Hasan Ikhata, SCAG, reported on the Maglev Task Force meeting held February 19, 2003.

5.6 Aviation Task Force Report

Hasan Ikhata, SCAG, reported on the Aviation Task Force meeting held February 20, 2003.

5.7 Highway and Transportation Finance (H&FT) Task Force Report

Hasan Ikhata, SCAG, reported on the H&FT Task Force held February 20, 2003.

5.8 Regional Transportation Demand Management (RTDM) Task Force

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Task Force Chair, reported on the RTDM Task Force held February 20, 2003.

6.0 **CHAIR REPORT**

The Chair introduced the three new members; Councilmember Joy Defenbaugh, from City of Riverside representing WRCOG, Councilmember Keith Millhouse from Moorpark representing VCOG (not present), and Councilmember Will Pieper from Desert Hot Springs representing CVAG.

7.0 **STAFF REPORT**

There was no staff report.

8.0 **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

9.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Rosenthal announced she was not re-elected to the City Council of Claremont. She thanked everybody for a very interesting four years. She will continue her opposition to Maglev and her involvement with the RTDM Task Force.

It was announced that Councilmember George Bass did not seek re-election.

Councilmember Stanford announced that Councilmember Leiga did not get re-elected. He recognized Councilmember Leiga and Rosenthal as outstanding leaders and thanked them for their contribution.

Chair Roberts invited all three to attend SCAG's annual meeting.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Ron Roberts adjourned the meeting at 12:00 pm. The next Transportation and Communications Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2003.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hasan Ikhata", with a large, sweeping loop at the end.

Hasan Ikhata, Director,
Planning & Policy Department